

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above referenced application are respectfully requested.

The power supply has been added into paragraph 20 to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter.

Claims 1-21, and 30-36 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In response, Claim 1 has been amended to recite the secondary plasma generated device, which is separate from the plasma produced light source. Proper antecedent has been added to Claims 5 and 10. Claim 20 has also been corrected.

The claims are rejected based on numerous instances of prior art. However, Claim 9 is indicated as allowable. This indication of allowability is appreciatively noted, and Claim 9 has been amended herewith into independent form. Claim 36 was not rejected over any prior art in the case, and hence presumably should be allowable. Claim 36 is also amended into independent form. Numerous claims were rejected as being anticipated by either of Visser or Melnychuk et al. (hereinafter "Melnychuk"). Both of these references show an extreme UV producing apparatus, and both show a plasma device to create the EUV. Neither of these references show a secondary plasma device, separate from the EUV device, used to prevent matter or impede matter from reaching the collector objects. In response,

each of the independent claims has been amended to clarify that there are two separate plasma generating devices: one that produces the light source, and a secondary one that impedes the matter from reaching the collector optics. This is not disclosed by either of Visser or Melnychuk. The dependent claims should be allowable for analogous reasons: since none of the prior art is in any way suggestive of a secondary plasma device that is operable in this way.

Claim 30 has been amended in an analogous way and should hence be analogously allowable.

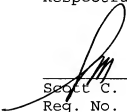
This should obviate all the rejections remaining in the case, since none of the prior art is in any way suggestive of a secondary plasma device as recited by the claims.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed in this paper. However, failure to address a specific rejection, issue or comment, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above are not intended to be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

Applicants ask that all claims be allowed. Please apply the \$200 extra claim fee, and any other applicable charges or credits, to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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